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New England Patriots' Tom Brady (12) gestures during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl 53 football game against the Los Angeles Rams, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in Atlanta. Associated Press

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Changed Supreme Court weighing Louisiana abortion clinic law

By **MARK SHERMAN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The outcome of a fight over a Louisiana law regulating abortion providers could signal whether a fortified conservative majority on the Supreme Court is willing to cut back on abortion rights.

The high court is expected to decide in the next few days whether the state can begin enforcing a law requiring doctors who work at abortion clinics to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. It was passed in 2014, but has never taken effect.

The Supreme Court struck down a similar law in Texas three years ago. But the court's lineup has changed since then. Two appointees



In this Nov. 30, 2018, file photo the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court gather for a formal group portrait to include a new Associate Justice, top row, far right, at the Supreme Court Building in Washington. Seated from left: Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Associate Justice Samuel Alito Jr. Standing behind from left: Associate Justice Neil Gorsuch, Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice Elena Kagan and Associate Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh.

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of President Donald Trump have joined the bench and Justice Anthony Kennedy has retired. Kennedy has retired. Kennedy voted to strike down the Texas law.

The law was to have taken effect on Monday, but Justice Samuel Alito issued a brief order last week that pushed back the effective date at least to Thursday because, Alito said, the justices needed more time to consider an emergency appeal from Louisiana abortion providers. Alito handles those appeals from Louisiana.

The issue before the court is whether the law may be enforced even as appeals over its validity continue, so the impending vote may not be the justices' last word on the matter.

But it is expected to be a window on the court's views of abortion rights.

A vote to allow the law to take effect "will be a really good sign that the modified Court will not police states or lower courts' compliance with" the Texas decision or an earlier ruling in 1992 that reaffirmed a woman's right to an abortion that the court first announced in the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973, University of California, Irvine law professor Leah Litman wrote on the progressive Take Care blog.

Abortion opponents have been awaiting that signal since Trump's election, particularly after he promised during the 2016 campaign to appoint "pro-life justices."

Justice Neil Gorsuch, Trump's first appointee, took the seat of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, who opposed abortion rights. The president's second pick, Justice Brett Kavanaugh, replaced Kennedy.

In 2000, the Supreme Court struck down Nebraska's ban on the procedure by a 5-4 vote. Seven years later, the court upheld a federal partial-birth abortion ban by an identical vote. The makeup of the court had changed, with John Roberts replacing William Rehnquist as chief justice and, crucially, Alito taking Sandra Day O'Connor's place on the bench. O'Connor voted to strike down the state law; Alito voted to uphold the federal ban.

In the majority opinion that upheld the federal law, Kennedy wrote that the law did not impose an "undue burden" on a woman's right to an abortion, the standard laid out in the 1992 abortion-rights ruling, and that it was sufficiently different from the Nebraska law that had been struck down in 2000, even though neither law contained a provision allowing the method to be used if a doctor decided it was necessary to preserve the mother's health.

Rachel Morrison, litigation counsel for the anti-abortion group Americans United for Life, said the court also could find differences between Texas and Louisiana in the situations confronting women seeking abortions in the two states. The court's ruling invalidating the Texas law "does not mean that all admitting privileges laws are per se unconstitutional or that there is sufficient evidence that Louisiana's law will lead to the closure of a large number of abortion clinics in Louisiana," Morrison wrote on her group's website. □



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Trump: NFL people thankful he signed criminal justice bill



President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump view the Florida Atlantic University Marching Band and cheerleaders play and perform at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Fla., Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, as they arrive for a Super Bowl party.

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— President Donald Trump claimed that “a lot of people” from the NFL have been calling and thanking him for signing legislation addressing concerns with the criminal justice system. Trump also said during an interview broadcast Sunday that he and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell have set aside their differences over players kneeling during the national anthem. Trump relentlessly criticized the practice as being disrespectful to the American flag and he faulted Goodell for not doing enough to stop it. Players saw kneeling during the “Star-Spangled Banner” as a prime opportunity to heighten public awareness of how minorities are treated by the criminal justice system.

The president pivoted to the new criminal justice law when he was asked

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if he thought the players who knelt had a point, and whether he was sensitive to their concerns that most victims of police violence are black. Trump said the legislation was the product of years of effort dating to before he took office.

“And I got it done and I’ve been, you know, really, a lot of people in the NFL have been calling and thanking me for it,” Trump said in the interview broadcast during CBS’ Super Bowl pre-game show. “They have been calling and thanking, you know, that people have been trying to get that taken care of and it’s now signed into law.”

Trump then segued to his stance on kneeling during the anthem, without addressing the original question. “I think that when you want to protest I think that’s great. But I don’t think you do it at the sake of our flag, at the sake of our national anthem. Absolutely,” he said.

The White House did not respond to emailed requests for information on which NFL figures have reached out to the president. Asked whether he and Goodell had set aside their differences over kneeling, Trump said: “I think so ...


You have to respect our flag and our country. I want that as president. And I’d want that as a citizen and I have a very good relationship.” Trump viewed Sunday’s matchup between the New England Patriots and the Los Angeles Rams from the comfort of his private

golf club in West Palm Beach. Upon arrival, he and his wife, Melania, were treated to a mini-concert by the Florida Atlantic University Marching Band. Trump said in the interview that he expected the Patriots to win a sixth Lombardi Trophy and visit the White House. The team is owned and coached by his friends, Bob Kraft and Bill Belichick, respectively.

He credited “great chemistry” for the team’s success. Trump also complained in the interview about the New Orleans Saints’ loss to

the Rams in January’s NFC title game.

Game officials failed to call interference or roughness penalties when a Rams player delivered a helmet-to-helmet hit on a Saints receiver in the game’s crucial final minutes. The Rams won in overtime, advancing to meet the Patriots at the Super Bowl in Atlanta while the league acknowledged a blown “no-call.” A federal judge later rejected a legal challenge by two Saints ticketholders seeking a do-over playoff game. □



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Virginia governor clings to office, ignoring calls to resign

By **ALAN SUDERMAN**

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) —

Gov. Ralph Northam clung to office Sunday amid nearly unanimous calls from his own party to resign over a racist photo in his 1984 medical school yearbook, going silent after a bizarre 24 hours in which he first admitted he was in the picture, then denied it.

The Democrat's stunning about-face — at a weekend news conference where he also acknowledged putting on blackface for a dance contest decades ago and appeared to briefly entertain the notion of doing the Michael Jackson moonwalk for reporters — only seemed to make things



Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam, left, accompanied by his wife, Pam, speaks during a news conference in the Governor's Mansion in Richmond, Va., on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019.

Associated Press

worse.

The chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus declared that Northam "still does not understand the seriousness of his actions." The photo shows

someone in blackface and another person in a Ku Klux Klan hood and robe.

"I think he's been completely dishonest and disingenuous," Rep. Karen Bass, D-California, said on NBC's

"Meet the Press." "He knew this picture was there, and he could've come clean and talked to African-Americans that he's close to decades ago."

Northam worshipped at his home church, the predominantly black First Baptist in Capeville, but otherwise kept out of sight on Sunday as calls intensified for him to step down.

Even if Northam doesn't resign, the scandal threatens to cripple his ability to govern. He has lost the support of virtually all of the state's Democratic establishment. Top Republicans in the Virginia General Assembly also urged Northam to step down, as did many declared and potential Democratic presidential candidates.

Virginia governors can be removed for "malfeasance in office, corruption, neglect of duty, or other high crime or misdemeanor" under the state constitution, but top Democrats said they don't believe it will come to that.

Former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe predicted that Northam — who served as McAuliffe's lieutenant governor — will eventually leave office.

"Ralph will do the right thing for the Commonwealth of Virginia," McAuliffe said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

Northam apologized on Friday for appearing in the photograph on his yearbook page. He did not say which costume he was wearing, but said he was "deeply sorry for the decision I made to appear as I did in this photo." On Saturday, though, the governor reversed course and said the picture "is definitely not me."

While talking with reporters,

Northam admitted he once used shoe polish to put on blackface as part of a Michael Jackson costume for a 1984 dance contest in Texas, when he was in the Army. Northam said he regrets that he didn't understand "the harmful legacy of an action like that."

Asked by a reporter if he could still do Jackson's famous moonwalk, Northam looked at the floor as if thinking about demonstrating it. His wife put a stop to it, telling him, "Inappropriate circumstances."

His shifting explanations did little or nothing to sway prominent Democrats who had swiftly disowned him. Both of Virginia's U.S. senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, joined the dean of Virginia's congressional delegation, Rep. Bobby Scott, in saying they no longer believe Northam can serve effectively. James Ryan, president of the University of Virginia, said in a statement that it would be "exceedingly difficult" for Northam to continue serving.

If Northam does resign, Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax would become the second African-American governor in the state's history. He stopped short of calling for Northam's departure but said he "cannot condone actions" from Northam's past that "suggest a comfort with Virginia's darker history of white supremacy, racial stereotyping and intimidation."

"If it wasn't him in the photo, he should've said that on Friday," McAuliffe said. "Instinctively, you know if you put black paint on your face. You know if you put a hood on. And so if it isn't you, you come out immediately and say, 'This is not me.'"



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MMA fighter wanted in killings captured after escaping van

CONROE, Texas (AP) — An MMA fighter suspected of killing two people, including an ex-girlfriend, was captured Sunday after escaping from a prisoner transport van in Texas, authorities said.

Cedric Marks was taken into custody after a nine-hour manhunt involving multiple law enforcement agencies, Conroe police Lt. Scott Spencer said in a tweet Sunday evening.

Marks escaped from the private prison transport van during a stop at a McDonald's in Conroe about 40 miles (65 kilometers) north of Houston, police Lt. Dorcy McGinnis said.

McGinnis said murder warrants were issued Sunday for Marks in last month's killings of an ex-girlfriend, Jenna Scott, and a friend of hers, Michael Swearingin, who disappeared Jan. 4 and were found buried in a shallow grave in Clearview, Oklahoma, on Jan. 15.

Marks was arrested in Michigan last month on a Bell County, Texas, charge alleging that on Aug. 21, he broke into Scott's home in Temple, which is about 60 miles (100 kilometers) north of Austin. Authorities say he escaped while being transferred to Bell County to face that charge.

Scott requested a protective order against Marks last July, accusing him of choking her unconscious twice, Temple television station KCEN reported.

"Each time he allowed me to regain consciousness and then he choked me out again," Scott said in an affidavit. The protective order request was denied.

She also reported to police that Marks had broken into her home in August while her daughter, who was 9, was there. She said he took her cellphone to prevent her from calling 911.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office's initial tweet about the escape said Marks was facing three "pending murder charges," but it didn't immediately respond to requests for further information about those charges.

Police in Bloomington, Minnesota, say Marks remains a person of interest in the 2009 disappearance of April Pease, who was the mother of one of his children. The two were involved in a fierce custody dispute in Washington state and Pease, who had a drug problem, went to live in a Bloomington women's shelter because she said she was afraid of Marks. Like Scott, Pease alleged that Marks had choked her unconscious on more than one occasion, according to a court custody investigator. Pease went missing in March 2009 and Marks got custody of their son.

Pease's mother, Dottie Pease, told KCEN last month that she had believed her daughter might have had a drug relapse, but that given the developments in Texas, she thought it was possible that Marks might have had something to do with her daughter's disappearance.

Two women were arrested in Michigan on charges related to Marks.

Maya Maxwell is charged with evidence tampering and is jailed in Bell County, Texas, on \$150,000 bond. According to an arrest affidavit, she told detectives that she drove Swearingin's vehicle to Austin in an attempt to hide it from investigators. It was found abandoned in the city Jan. 6.

Ginell McDonough, who is Marks' wife and the mother of two of his two children, is jailed in Muskegon County, Michigan, on an obstruction of justice charge. She is accused of allowing Marks and Maxwell to stay in her home between Jan. 5 and Jan. 9.

Jail records do not list an attorney for either woman.

Marks compiled a record of 31-28-0 during his professional MMA career, which began in 1999, according to mixedmartialarts.com. His last fight was in September. □



In this photo provided by the Kent County Michigan Sheriff's office, Cedric Marks is pictured in a booking photo in Grand Rapids, Mich., dated Jan. 8, 2019.

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APNewsBreak: Detainee on hunger strike details force-feeding

By **GARANCE BURKE and MARTHA MENDOZA**
Associated Press

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has confirmed there are now nine men — up from six earlier this week — being force-fed under court order in a detention center in El Paso. One of the hunger strikers, a 22-year-old man from India who called The Associated Press on Friday, described being dragged from his cell three times a day and strapped down on a bed. He said a group of people force-feed him by pouring liquid into tubes pushed through his nose. The man, who AP is identifying only by his last name Singh out of family concerns for his safety, stopped eating more than a month ago. In mid-January, ICE obtained court orders to begin non-consensual hydration and feeding, and so for weeks they've had nasal tubes inserted in their noses and IVs in their arms. The AP first reported on the force-feeding Wednesday. "They tie us on the force-



This June 2018 file photo shows protesters walking along Montana Avenue outside the El Paso Processing Center, in El Paso, Texas.

feeding bed, and then they put a lot of liquid into the tubes, and the pressure is immense so we end up vomiting it out," said Singh. "We can't talk properly, and we can't breathe

properly. The pipe is not an easy process, but they try to push it down our noses and throats." Speaking through an interpreter, Singh said he has lost 50 pounds (23 kilograms) since he began his hunger strike. He said he is refusing food to protest guards' unfair treatment of him and other detainees from Punjab. He said they are being denied bond while detainees from other countries were allowed out. In a statement, ICE said it fully respects the rights of all people to voice their opinion without interference. "ICE does not retaliate in any way against hunger strikers. ICE explains the negative health effects of not eating to our detainees. For their health and safety, ICE closely monitors the food and water intake of those detainees identified as being on a hunger strike," the agency said.

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The AP's reports on the force-feeding have garnered international headlines and angry responses from policymakers and human rights advocates. U.S. Rep. Veronica Escobar, an El Paso Democrat, visited some of the men after the initial reports, tweeting afterward that their situation is "unacceptable." "El Paso and our country are better than this," she said. Human Rights Watch published a dispatch Friday describing force-feeding as "cruel, inhuman and degrading." Hunger strikes among immigrant detainees are uncommon, and court orders authorizing force-feeding are rare, said an ICE official, noting that once force-feeding is approved, detainees have in the past given up their hunger strikes. The official spoke anonymously because the

official had not been authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

Although the agency doesn't keep statistics on this, attorneys, advocates and ICE staffers who AP spoke with did not recall a situation at an immigration detention site where it has come to this.

Detainees, their attorneys and advocates have said that up to 30 men have been on hunger strikes over the last month. According to ICE, 10 detainees from India and Nicaragua who are being held at the El Paso detention site have refused nine consecutive meals — the immigration agency's benchmark for when to start calling refusal to eat a hunger strike.

Last week AP heard from Cubans in the facility who also said they were refusing food.

Another four detainees are on hunger strikes in the agency's Miami, Phoenix, San Diego and San Francisco areas of responsibility, agency spokeswoman Leticia Zamarrripa said. She did not say whether they were being force-fed.

Singh said he came to the United States in August of last year along with his cousin, seeking to escape violence in his home state of Punjab in India. Court records show he was arrested for illegally entering the U.S. near El Paso and pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor. His uncle, Amrit Singh, said that his asylum claim had been denied.

A volunteer who has visited the facility said that the men have been requesting pillows to elevate their heads when the liquid nutrition is administered through their noses because the material backs up and causes them pain. □

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1 deputy killed, another wounded in 12-hour standoff in Ohio

By LISA CORNWELL
Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — A sheriff's deputy was shot and killed during a 12-hour standoff at an apartment complex in Ohio that left another deputy wounded and a suspect in custody, authorities said Sunday.

Capt. Jeff Sellars of the Clermont County Sheriff's Office said officers responded about 7 p.m. Saturday to the Royal Oaks Apartments in Pierce Township, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) east of Cincinnati, following a 911 call from a man who said he believed someone was inside his residence.

Authorities say the caller then said that he was armed and eventually told the dispatcher that he was suicidal.

But it was unclear from authorities' statements whether the caller was referring to himself or to the person he said was inside his home.

It was also unclear whether the suspect himself made the call. Authorities found only one person in the home.

Authorities say 23-year-old Wade Edward Winn was taken into custody.

Clermont County Municipal Court records show Winn has been charged with aggravated murder and attempted aggravated murder.

David O'Neil, a spokesman for Ohio's attorney general, confirmed the charges Sunday but said he couldn't disclose where the suspect was being held.

The Clermont County Sher-



This undated image provided by Clermont County Sheriff's Office shows Wade Edward Winn. Clermont County Municipal Court records show Winn, a man accused of fatally shooting a sheriff's deputy during a 12-hour standoff ending Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in Ohio, has been charged with aggravated murder.

Associated Press

iff's Office said Detective Bill Brewer died from his wounds.

The other deputy, Lt. Nick DeRose, was treated for a gunshot wound in the ankle and released from a hospital, O'Neil said.

"Deputy Brewer gave his life attempting to help a person who was admittedly suicidal," Sheriff Steve Leahy said in a press release.

"This will forever change the atmosphere of the Clermont County Sheriff's Office."

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost said in a separate release that Brewer's "valor is now recorded for all time, written in blood."

"We mourn and we will remember," Yost said.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine on Sunday ordered all U.S. and state flags throughout Clermont County and at the Statehouse flown at half-staff in honor of Brewer.

The Republican governor's order is in effect from Sunday until sunset on the day of Brewer's interment.

A court hearing was scheduled for Winn at 10 a.m. Monday in Clermont County Municipal Court in Batavia, O'Neil said.

Authorities say the investigation is ongoing. □

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Protesters pushed back at NYC federal jail where power out

By JULIE WALKER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Some demonstrators protesting the lack of heat and electricity at a federal detention center in New York City attempted to enter the facility Sunday, and witnesses said guards drove them back with pushes, shoves and pepper spray.

A reporter and photographer for The Associated Press were at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn when a woman, whose son is being detained, tried to get into the jail.

Protesters have gathered outside the facility in recent days following news reports that those housed there have largely been without heat or power for the past week and also haven't been able to communicate with lawyers or loved ones. Outdoor temperatures have been well below freezing on some recent days, though Sunday was warmer.

On Sunday, an inmate was able to call through the window of his cell, which faces out to the street, to his mother below. The woman, Yvonne Murchison, was crying and upset and tried to get into the facility, where



Yandy Smith is helped by others after she was sprayed with pepper spray after she and others stormed the main entrance to the Metropolitan Detention Center, a federal prison where prisoners have gone without heat, hot water and flushing toilets due to an electrical outage, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

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visits have been stopped. "I'd trade places with him any day, that's my child," she said.

Witnesses said officers used significant force to push the people out, with some of those attempting to come in being pushed to the ground. The AP photographer felt some type of spray, and began to have trouble breathing. Those affected were seen washing out their eyes with water or milk.

The Bureau of Prisons has acknowledged that the jail "experienced a partial power outage due to a fire in the switch gear room." The bureau had said a new electrical panel is being installed

by an outside contractor and work is expected to be completed by Monday. The agency insisted that inmates had hot water for showers and sinks, and were getting medications as needed.

The jail administration did not return an email seeking comment on the clash Sunday.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo called for an investigation of the circumstances of the loss of heat and electricity by the federal Department of Justice, saying the situation was "a violation of human decency and dignity" and also raises "questions of potential violations of law." □



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Australia says last child refugees to leave Nauru camp

By **ROD McGUIRK**

Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)

— Australia announced on Sunday that the last child refugees held on the Pacific atoll of Nauru will soon be sent to the United States, ending the banishment of children under the government's harsh asylum-seeker policy. The psychiatric and physical suffering of children has been the major criticism of the government's policy since 2013 to send asylum seekers who attempt to reach Australia by boat to an immigration camp on Nauru or men-only facilities on Papua New Guinea. Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the last four asylum-seeker children on Nauru would soon be resettled with their families in the United States under a deal struck in the final months of President Barack Obama's administration. "Every asylum seeker child has now been



This Sept. 4, 2018, file photo shows Nibok refugee settlement on Nauru.

Associated Press

removed from Nauru or has had their claim processed and has a clear path off the island," Morrison said in a statement.

The United States agreed in 2016 to accept up to 1,250 refugees. More than 1,000

others remain on the islands and face uncertain futures. Law firm Maurice Blackburn said it would continue its legal fight until all asylum seekers were removed from the island camps.

"This action has taken far

too long and at times has been very hard fought - in the last year alone we have had to take court action repeatedly to help secure the medical evacuation of 26 critically ill people on Nauru with many of these

children, including some as young as six months old," lawyer Jennifer Kanis said in a statement. "In many of those cases, the delay in access to medical treatment has risked serious and life-threatening consequences for the children and adults concerned," she added. In 2017, the Australian government reached a settlement of around 90 million Australian dollars (\$68 million) with more than 1,900 asylum seekers who sued over their treatment at an immigration camp in Papua New Guinea.

The all-men asylum seekers were seeking damages in the Victoria state Supreme Court for alleged physical and psychological injuries they say they suffered as a result of the conditions on the Manus Island camp, as well as for false imprisonment following a Papua New Guinea court ruling that their detention was unconstitutional. □

Israel's Netanyahu takes aim at media in webcast

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP)

— Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday launched a new weekly webcast to "get rid of the fake from the news" ahead of national elections in April.

In a video shared on social media Saturday, Netanyahu said the webcast will "only cover the reality, and I will continue to ensure that it will be positive."

The inaugural webcast on Sunday, which aired on Netanyahu and his Likud party's official Facebook



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019.

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pages, featured the prime minister fielding questions from Eliraz Sade, a reality

television personality, and drew around 6,000 viewers. The prime minister appears

to be modeling the idea on President Donald Trump's "Real News Update," a weekly webcast on Facebook hosted by the president's daughter-in-law to counterbalance what the administration deems an oppositional media.

The clip makes dismissive references to the police investigations into alleged corruption by the prime minister. Netanyahu has enjoyed a warm relationship with Trump. On Sunday, his Likud party posted a massive billboard on the side of a Jerusalem build-

ing showing the two men standing together. It said: "Netanyahu. A different league." In Sunday's quarter-hour broadcast, Netanyahu touted his accomplishments as prime minister in the past ten years. He claimed credit for stopping Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, called Israel an energy superpower, argued that the last decade was "the most successful" for national security in Israel's history and said his ruling Likud party was "the only democratic party" in the country. □

Progressive politician seeks Polish 'Spring' with new party



Robert Biedron addresses the founding convention of his new centre-left party "Wiosna" (Spring), in Warsaw, Poland, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019.

By VANESSA GERA

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) —

A former lawmaker who is openly gay launched a progressive party in Poland ahead of two elections this year, presenting a program Sunday that includes phasing out coal production and liberalizing the abortion laws.

At an inaugural convention in Warsaw, Robert Biedron announced the new party's name, Wiosna, or "Spring," and vowed to work to unify the bitterly divided country.

"The last years were cold and gloomy. Instead of conversations we got constant conflict; instead of the good of the community, party interests," Biedron told a crowd of thousands. "Let this finally come to an end. We need a spring that will renew this gloomy landscape." Biedron, 42, has long been the hope of many progressive Poles, thanks to his charisma, energy and relative youth. He got his start in politics as an LGBT activist during the 1990s and became the first openly gay member of parliament in 2011. He most recently served as mayor of Slupsk in northern Poland.

The left-wing political scene in Poland since communism fell in 1989 has been dominated by ex-communists who are now aging and in some cases, have been discredited by corruption scandals. Many of those hoping for a party focused on progressive main-

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stays like green energy and women's rights eagerly anticipated the launch of Biedron's party.

It remains unclear how much support he will be able to muster in an era when right-wing nationalists have gained popularity in Europe. Some of Biedron's positions also could prove unpopular.

In a country heavily dependent on coal for jobs and energy, he said he would focus on fighting the associated heavy smog by phasing out coal production by 2035. Biedron's unapologetically secular program included ending the teaching of religion from public schools, a direct challenge to the Catholic Church that holds great sway in Poland.

Biedron said he wants to give women in the country with Europe's most restrictive abortion laws the right to terminate pregnancies to the 12th week. Some conservatives already have accused him of trying to make Poland a "civilization of death."

"Poland is a woman," Biedron said. "Her suffering is our suffering."

At the convention, Biedron presented himself as an alternative both to ruling right-wing ruling party, Law and Justice, and the main opposition party, the centrist pro-business Civic Platform party. He portrayed the new party as a chance for change after years of hostility between the two political camps.

Civil Platform governed from 2007-2015 and oversaw fast economic growth, but Biedron faulted it for ignoring growing economic equality and struggles of many Poles.

He said his party would raise the minimum pension to 1,600 zlotys (\$425) per month, noting some older

Poles now get only 1,000 zlotys (\$270).

Some activists and critics of the Law and Justice-led government have accused Biedron of further weakening an already divided opposition with poor prospects of unseating the ruling party.

Biedron told the conven-

tion crowd he would continue the legacy of Gdansk Mayor Pawel Adamowicz, a supporter of women and minorities who was fatally stabbed in mid-January amid the heavy ideological animosity.

"We do not want any more of this Polish-Polish war," Biedron declared. □

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Pope in UAE for historic trip after call for Yemen relief

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Pope Francis

landed Sunday in Abu Dhabi on the first-ever papal trip to the Arabian Peninsula, where he is seeking to turn a page in Christian-Muslim relations while also ministering to a unique, thriving Catholic community. Francis earlier Sunday called for the urgent observation of a limited ceasefire in Yemen reached in December and for food and medicine to get to its people, who are suffering the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

He made the appeal at the Vatican before boarding a plane to the United Arab Emirates, which has been



Pope Francis smiles upon his arrival at the Abu Dhabi airport, United Arab Emirates, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019.

Christian and Muslim representatives but hundreds of Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and other Christian faith leaders. It's all part of the Emirates' "Year of Tolerance" and its effort to show its openness to other faiths in a region otherwise known for severe restrictions on religions outside of Islam.

"It's something new for the Muslim world, that within the discussion of dialogue, they're talking about inter-religious dialogue across the board," beyond basic Christian-Muslim relations, said Marco Impagliazzo, president of the, a Rome-based Catholic organization active in interfaith relations who will be attending the conference.

Francis' other main initiative in Abu Dhabi is a giant Mass on Tuesday in the city's main sports arena that is expected to draw some 135,000 people in what some have called the largest show of public Christian worship on the Arabian Peninsula. There, Francis will see firsthand a Catholic community that is big, diverse and dynamic, at a time when the wider Mideast has seen an exodus of Christians fleeing persecution at the hands of the Islamic State group and others. Of the over 9 million people now living in the UAE, around 1 million are Emirati while the rest are foreigners drawn to the oil-rich federation to work in everything from white-collar finance to construction. The Catholic Church believes there are some 1 million Catholics in the UAE. Most are Filipino and Indian, many of whom have left behind families for work and can face precarious labor conditions, which human rights groups regularly denounce. □

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Saudi Arabia's main ally in its war in Yemen — a way to avoid embarrassing his hosts with a public call while in the region. Abu Dhabi's powerful crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, greeted the pontiff with smiles along with Cabinet ministers and an honor guard when he landed around 9:50 p.m. in the Emirati capital.

"The people are exhausted by the long conflict and many children are hungry, but humanitarian aid isn't accessible," Francis said in his noontime Sunday blessing. "The cries of these children and their parents rise up" to God. Francis traveled to Abu Dhabi to participate in a conference on interreligious dialogue sponsored the Emirates-based Muslim Council of Elders, an initiative that seeks to counter religious fanaticism by promoting a moderate brand of Islam. It's the brainchild of Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, the grand imam of Egypt's Al-Azhar, the re-

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vered 1,000-year-old seat of Sunni Islam that trains clerics and scholars from around the world. In a video message to the Emirates on the eve of his trip, Francis paid homage to his "friend and dear brother" el-Tayeb and praised his courage in calling the meeting to assert that "God unites and doesn't divide."

"I am pleased with this meeting offered by the Lord to write, on your dear land, a new page in the history of relations among religions and confirm that we are brothers despite our differences," Francis said. In a statement Saturday, Al-Azhar described the upcoming meeting as "historic" and praised the "deeply fraternal relationship" between its imam and the pope, which it said even includes birthday greetings. El-Tayeb also met Francis at the airport.

Francis and el-Tayeb are to address the "Human Fraternity Meeting" Monday that has drawn not only



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Russia to pull plug on nuclear arms pact after US does same

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Following in the footsteps of the U.S., Russia will abandon a centerpiece nuclear arms treaty but will only deploy intermediate-range nuclear missiles if Washington does so, President Vladimir Putin said Saturday. President Donald Trump accused Moscow on Friday of violating the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty with “impunity” by deploying banned missiles. Trump said in a statement that the U.S. will “move forward” with developing its own military response options to Russia’s new land-based cruise missiles that could target Western Europe.

Moscow has strongly denied any breaches and accused Washington of making false accusations in order to justify its pullout. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, in explaining that Washington on Saturday formally suspended its treaty obligations, said in a statement that Russia’s “continued noncompliance has jeopardized the United States’ supreme interests.” He said the treaty will terminate in six months unless Moscow returns to “full and verifiable compliance.” The collapse of the INF Treaty has raised fears of a repeat of a Cold War showdown in the 1980s, when the U.S. and the Soviet Union both deployed intermediate-range missiles on the continent. Such weapons were seen as particularly destabilizing as



Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, speaks to Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu during a meeting in the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019.

they only take a few minutes to reach their targets, leaving no time for decision-makers and raising the likelihood of a global nuclear conflict over a false launch warning. After the U.S. gave notice of its intention to withdraw, Putin said Russia would do the same. He ordered the development of new land-based intermediate-range weapons, but emphasized that Russia won’t deploy them in the European part of the country or elsewhere unless the U.S. does so. “We will respond quid pro quo,” Putin said. “Our American partners have announced they were suspending their participation in the treaty, and we will do the same. They have announced they will conduct research and devel-

opment, and we will act accordingly.” The U.S. has accused Russia of developing and deploying a cruise missile that violates provisions of the pact that ban production, testing and deployment of land-based cruise and ballistic missiles with a range of 500 to 5,500 kilometers (310 to 3,410 miles). Trump’s move also reflected his administration’s view that the pact was an obstacle to efforts needed to counter intermediate-range missiles deployed by China, which isn’t part of the treaty. NATO allies have strongly backed Washington and urged Moscow to save the treaty by returning to compliance. Russia has rejected the U.S. claims of violation, charging that the missile, which is

of the pact by Moscow were intended to shift the blame for the pact’s demise to Russia.

The Russian Defense Ministry on Saturday released a satellite image of what it described as new production facilities at the U.S. missile maker Raytheon’s plant in Tucson, Arizona, noting that their expansion began in 2017 as the Congress authorized spending for the development of intermediate-range missiles.

“The character and the timing of the works provide an irrefutable proof that the U.S. administration had decided to pull out of the INF treaty years before making unfounded claims of Russian violations,” it said.

Putin has argued it makes no sense for Russia to deploy a ground-based cruise missile violating the treaty because it has such weapons on ships and aircraft, which aren’t banned by the pact. □

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part of the Iskander-M missile system, has a maximum range of 480 kilometers (298 miles). Russian officials claimed the U.S. assertions about the alleged breach

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Deadly Brazil dam collapse was disaster waiting to happen

By ANNA JEAN KAISER

The Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Lax regulations, chronic short staffing and a law that muffled the voices of environmentalists on mining licenses made the devastating collapse of a dam in southeastern Brazil all but destined to happen, experts and legislators say.

The failure of the dam holding back iron ore mining waste on Jan. 25 unleashed an avalanche of mud that buried buildings and contaminated water downstream.

But one of the cruelest parts of the tragedy in Brumadinho is that it has happened before: In 2015, a mining dam burst about 80 miles (130 kilometers) away in Mariana, in what is considered Brazil's worst environmental disaster.

What's more, it could happen again, as many Brazilian states and the federal government move to ease regulation in the name of economic development.

In the three years since the Mariana rupture killed 19 people, the regulation of the industry has gotten less, not more, rigorous in Minas Gerais state.



Friends and relatives hold signs with the names of victims, during a march paying homage to the victims of a mining dam collapse a week ago, in Brumadinho, Brazil, Friday, Feb. 1, 2019.

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"It felt like it was just a matter of time before something bigger would happen," said Josiele Rosa Silva Tomas, the president of the Brumadinho residents' association.

Problems that existed when the dams in Mariana burst, like dramatic short-staffing, have persisted, while a new law has reduced the say of environmental groups in the project licensing process.

And the danger remains widespread: A 2017 report from the National Water Agency classified more than 700 dams nationwide as at high risk of collapse, with high potential for causing damage.

In fact, some fear the risk may only increase. Environmental groups accused the previous Congress and president of rolling back

significant protections, and many expect further weakening under President Jair Bolsonaro, who has said environmental regulation hamstrings several industries, including mining. But the politics that contributed to the collapses in Minas Gerais are much more local. For centuries, the mineral-rich state has revolved around the mining industry — its name, giv-

en by Portuguese colonizers, translates to "General Mines."

More than 300 mines employ thousands in the state, often in poor, rural areas. Civil society groups often struggle to achieve basic guarantees.

For instance, Tomas' group has long fought to prevent mining projects from contaminating drinking water.

"Minas Gerais has a centuries-long history of being lenient with the mining sector. It's cultural," Joao Victor Xavier, a state deputy, told The Associated Press. "The industry creates a discourse where they dangle jobs and economic growth in front of people, but they put profit over safety."

The CEO of Vale SA, which owned and operated the Brumadinho mining complex, acknowledges their regulatory measures fell short. Arrest warrants have been issued for five people responsible for safety assessments of the dam, including three Vale employees. Vale was also involved in the Mariana rupture: The dams there were administered by the Brazilian giant and Australia's BHP Billiton. □

Salvadoran front-runner seeks to end corruption, violence

By MARCOS ALEMAN

Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — A former mayor of El Salvador's capital was making a strong run Sunday to end a quarter century of two-party dominance in the crime-plagued Central American nation.

Polls ahead of Sunday's vote showed Nayib Bukele ahead of the Nationalist Republican Alliance's Carlos Callejas and former Foreign Minister Hugo Martinez of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, as well as a minor-party candidate.

But he could fall short of the 50 percent needed to avoid a March runoff.

All four candidates have promised to end corruption, stamp out gang violence and create more



Presidential hopeful Nayib Bukele and his wife Gabriela gesture at a polling station as they are surrounded by the press while voting in the presidential election in San Salvador, El Salvador, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019.

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jobs, with crushing crime at the top of the agenda: Roughly 67,000 Salvadorans belong to gangs that terrorize their communities via extortion, murder and other forms of violence.

The candidates have pro-

posed creating economic opportunities and restoring social values to dissuade Salvadorans from engaging in criminal behavior.

Turnout appeared to be heavy in early voting, with no reports of major prob-

lems. Bukele, 37, made his political debut in 2012 as a small-town mayor with the now-ruling Front, known as the FMLN, and won election in the capital three years later, automatically making him a potential presidential contender.

But his frequent criticism of the leftist party's leadership led to his expulsion, and he wound up as the unlikely standard-bearer of a small conservative party known as the Grand Alliance for National Unity, whose initials — GANA — mean "win" in Spanish.

The FMLN and the conservative Alliance, known as ARENA, have dominated Salvadoran politics since a 1992 peace deal that ended a brutal civil war. But both parties have been stained by corruption scan-

dals and neither has been able to stem gang violence.

"I came to vote because I want the country to change, because we are tired of so much corruption," said Estela Henriquez, 27, at a polling place in the capital. More than 4,500 election observers, including representatives of the Organization of American States and the European Union, were on hand.

El Salvador is small both in size and population, with just 6.5 million people. Close to a third of its households live in poverty, while the World Bank says per capita income is \$3,560.

Salvadorans searching for a better life have joined recent caravans of migrants trekking through Mexico toward the U.S. □

LOCAL



Anuar Habibe wins International Martial Arts Photo Contest UNESCO

ORANJESTAD — Local photographer Anuar Habibe won the International Martial Arts Photo Contest from June 1-August 3, organized by the International Centre of Martial Arts for Youth Development and Engagement under the auspices of UNESCO. Together with a selection of photographers worldwide his winning picture is part of a photo book as well as the award winning works exhibition in Chungju, Korea. The theme of the contest is on Martial Arts.

"I was not familiar with martial arts at all, but that is the challenge I see in it as a creative. I did do some work for Gregory Milliard, MMA Champion and owner of a MMA academy on the island", Habibe explains. When he read about the contest he only had two more weeks to enter his contribution. Milliard's academy was the first location that crossed his mind, and there it is where he took his shots. The winning picture shows the girl Iva Fernandez Pedra while she is being prepared to go into the cage to do her boxing training.

Life is Art

Anuar Habibe is a stoked about culture. Besides his photography he is the founder of Culturaruba, a platform for culture and art. About ten years ago he dived into the world of photography and was even more passionate about this art of expression after reading books related to photography. "I actually learned more than how to take pictures. Visual design, laws of perceptual organization and the theory of colors as well as their in-



Winning picture for the International Martial Arts Photo Contest

fluence on emotions." His style is—in his own words—story telling, documentary and street photography. "Those are all related to each other, I capture life moments, life that is happening now while I am working, walking, feeling and moving. My pictures are connected to psychology and sociology. They are about people and their behaviors, our society and life." To summarize you could say that he shows you 'Art in everyday life'. "I show what I feel and often people tell me their interpretation which is a big compliment to me as that means it touched them."

The local photographer did not receive any feedback from the government on his achievement, but luckily his Facebook post created a lot of buzz in his surroundings and many people congratulated him. "It is however never my goal to achieve attention, I just love what I do and stay rather behind the

screens", he says modest.

Curious after more work from Habibe, check out his Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/an-habibe/>. The location of the winning picture is <https://www.facebook.com/MilliardMixedMartialArtsAcademy/>. □





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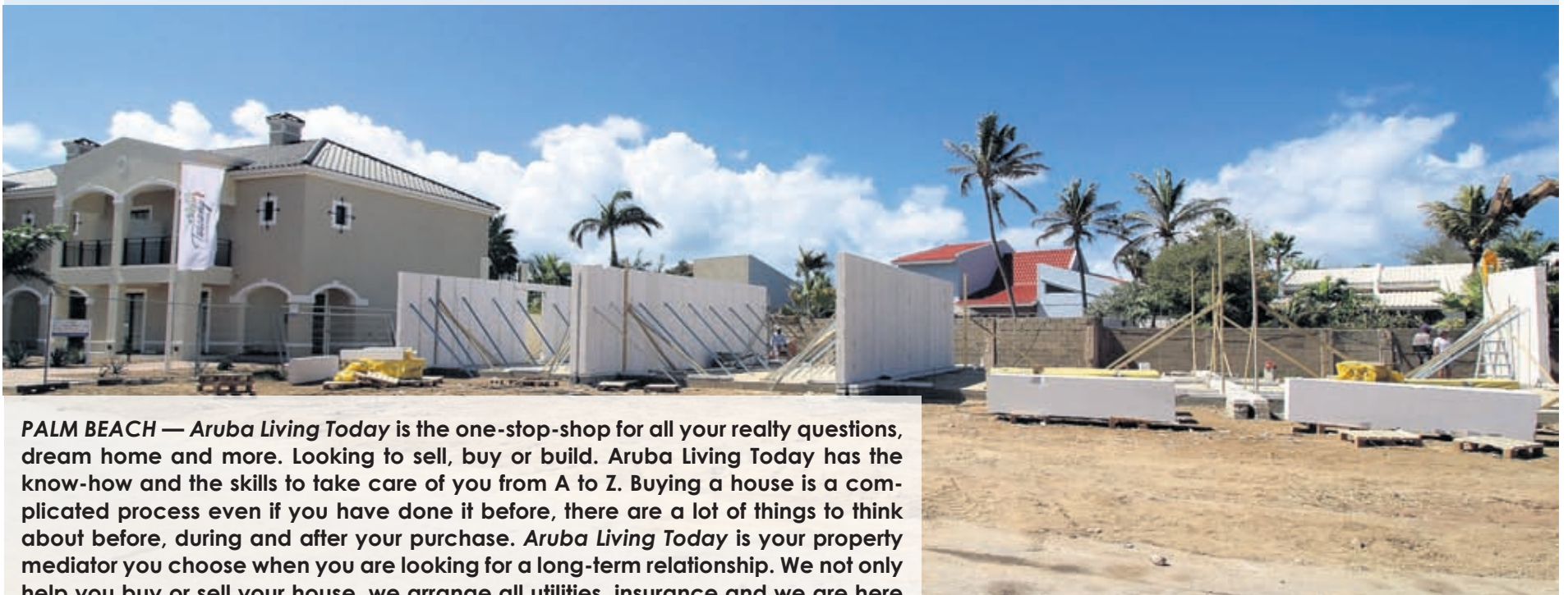
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Patrick Mahomes, of the Kansas City Chiefs, accepts the 2018 FedEx Air Player of the Year Award, at the NFL Honors at the Fox Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019, in Atlanta.

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Mahomes honored as MVP and top offensive player

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Patrick Mahomes' breathtaking breakthrough season earned him the NFL's Most Valuable Player award.

The Chiefs quarterback landed a pair of honors at NFL Honors on Saturday night, taking The Associated Press 2018 MVP and Offensive Player of the Year awards. In his second pro season, Mahomes led Kansas City to its first AFC title game since 1993 with some of the most creative and clutch plays the league has seen in years.

"I'm so humbled," he said. "This is just the beginning. We've got a long ways to go."

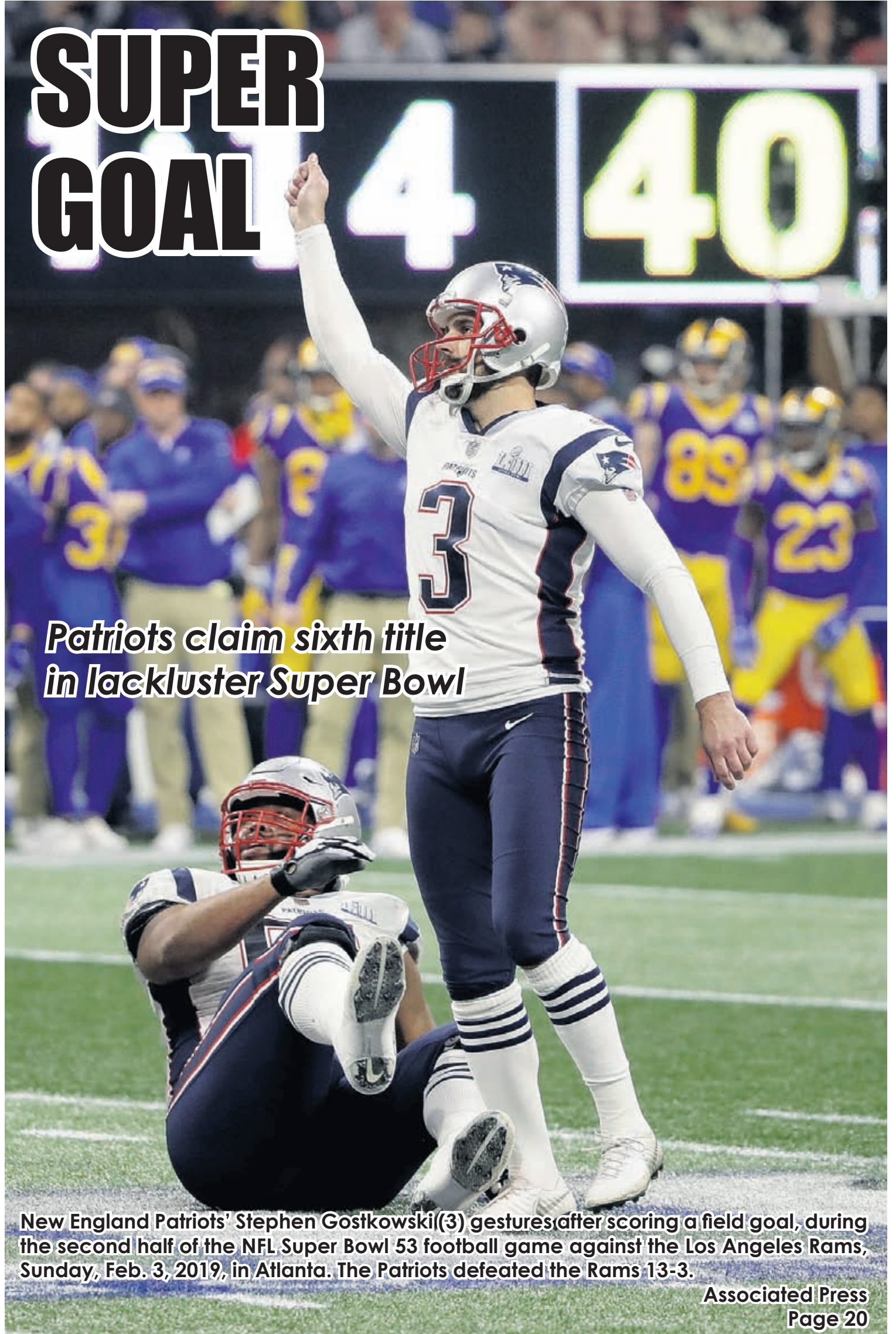
"It is an honor. It's a hard award to win. The next award I hope I can get is the Super Bowl."

Mahomes received 41 votes from a nationwide panel of media members who regularly cover the league. New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees got the other nine.

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SUPER GOAL

Patriots claim sixth title in lackluster Super Bowl



New England Patriots' Stephen Gostkowski(3) gestures after scoring a field goal, during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl 53 football game against the Los Angeles Rams, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in Atlanta. The Patriots defeated the Rams 13-3.

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Irving, Celtics outlast Thunder in 134-129 thriller

By G.COOLBAUGH,
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Eight days after letting a win slip away against the Golden State Warriors, the Celtics were able to finish the job against another tough Western Conference opponent.

Kyrie Irving had 30 points and 11 assists as Boston overcame big games from Oklahoma City stars Paul George and Russell Westbrook to snap the Thunder's seven-game win streak in a 134-129 thriller on Sunday. Boston has won four straight since a 115-111 home loss to the Warriors on Jan. 26 and has won nine of its last 10 games overall.

"We battled against Golden State, but (this is) a good win," said Al Horford, who had 17 points and nine assists. "This team has been playing really well and it's just good to get this win here at home."

Marcus Morris had 19 points, Marcus Smart added 18 and seven assists and Daniel Theis had 14 off the Celtics bench.

George scored 37 points and Russell Westbrook notched his sixth straight triple-double and 19th of the season with 22 points, 16 assists and 12 rebounds. "We just played a good team," George said. "I thought they made some big plays, big shots. Gotta live with it."

Steven Adams and Dennis Schroeder each had 16 points for Oklahoma City, and Jerami Grant scored 15.

Oklahoma City suffered its first loss since a 138-128 overtime setback against the Los Angeles Lakers on Jan. 17.

Westbrook made two free throws to pull Oklahoma City within 127-125 with 45.9 seconds remaining after Boston had led by six with 1:27 to go. Irving's driving finger-roll with 23.3 seconds left put Boston up by four, but Grant answered with a 3-pointer to bring the Thunder within 129-128.

Oklahoma City squandered a chance to take the lead after Jayson Tatum missed one of two free throws. Irving stripped

Westbrook with 8.1 seconds on the clock and Horford got the ball back to Tatum, who sealed the win at the line. "In a (tight) game like that, I've just got to take care of the ball, so that's on me," Westbrook said. "It's winning time," Irving said. "I feel like when the ball's in my hand, I've just got to make the right play. Being down the stretch, just trying to make the right decisions."

TIP-INS

Thunder: George has made at least two 3-pointers in 31 straight games. ... Oklahoma City enjoyed its best offensive month in franchise history in January, averaging 120.6 points and 44.1 made field goals while going 9-5. ... F Abdel Nader (illness) did not play in his return to Boston. Nader, a 2016 second-round draft pick of the Celtics, averaged 3.0 points in 48 games as a rookie last season with Boston.

Celtics: Irving scored 20 in the first half, giving him 20 or more points in a season-high nine straight games. ... C Aron Baynes missed Sunday's game after an MRI exam Saturday revealed a contusion in his left foot. "I don't anticipate him being back anytime in the next week or so," coach Brad Stevens said. ... C/F Robert Williams (back tightness) also sat and is considered day-to-day.

THE BIG THREE

Irving, George and Westbrook combined for 89 points in the nationally-televised affair that served as a warm-up act for the Super Bowl.

"Going against the best is always a great challenge," Irving said. "You just want to stay consistent in this game. That's how you get respect. That's all I really care about, getting wins."

THUNDEROUS RESPONSE

Oklahoma City began the season with four straight losses, the last a 101-95 home defeat by Boston on Oct. 25.

"They're 33-14 since, which is as good as anybody in the league and they look like that," Stevens said before tipoff. □



Oklahoma City Thunder's Russell Westbrook, right, defends against Boston Celtics' Kyrie Irving, left, during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019.

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Patriots beat Rams 13-3 in lowest scoring Super Bowl ever

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Defenses dominated what was supposed to be a super shootout, until Tom Brady led one classic drive to win the New England Patriots their record-tying sixth Super Bowl. Brady threw two perfect passes to Rob Gronkowski to set up rookie Sony Michel's 2-yard score — the only touchdown in the lowest-scoring Super Bowl ever. That put New England up 10-3. A late field goal clinched the game 13-3.

In a season when all sorts of offensive records were set, this Super Bowl rewrote the defensive record book.

No Super Bowl had gone into the fourth quarter without a touchdown. This one did, tied 3-3 — even though these teams combined to average over 60 points a game. When the Patriots needed a score, Brady, the oldest winning quarterback in a Super Bowl at 41, completed four straight passes, including a pair covering 47 yards to Gronkowski. The second, on which the star tight end beat two defenders, ended at the Los Angeles 2, the only time either team was inside the 20-yard line. Michel ran off left tackle for his sixth post-season touchdown.

With 4:17 left, All-Pro Stephon Gilmore picked off an ill-advised pass by Rams quarterback Jared Goff, who seemed overwhelmed by the big stage all night, at the New England 2.

Stephen Gostkowski made a 41-yard field goal with 1:12 remaining, completing a 72-yard march that took more than three minutes off the clock and included 26-yard runs by Michel and Rex Burkhead.

It was a workmanlike conclusion for the Patriots (14-5), whose losses all came away from New England. They beat the top two offenses in the Chiefs and Rams (15-4) in the postseason, and tied Pittsburgh for most Super Bowl titles.

The Patriots were terrific all game on defense, allowing the fewest points in a Super Bowl (tied with Dallas in



New England Patriots' Julian Edelman (11) runs the ball ahead of Los Angeles Rams' Cory Littleton (58) during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl 53 football game Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in Atlanta.

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1972 against Miami).

The Rams, who reached the NFL championship game with the aid of a major officiating error in the conference title victory at New Orleans, never really threatened to reach the end zone.

At 66, Bill Belichick became the oldest winning Super Bowl coach. The Patriots beat the Rams, then representing St. Louis, to begin their dynastic run in the 2002 game. They also have beaten Carolina and Philadelphia (2004 and '05, the last repeater); the Seahawks in 2015; and the Falcons in 2017 in the only overtime in Super Bowl history. They have lost three

times, including to Philadelphia a year ago. New England is the first team since the 1972 Dolphins to win a Super Bowl the year after losing one.

How the Patriots accomplished it was atypical. The 10-point margin was their biggest in winning a championship. Brady, who has won four Super Bowl MVP trophies, wasn't particularly sharp — except when throwing to Julian Edelman, the game's MVP. Edelman, who was injured and didn't play the 2017 season, was the steadiest offensive player on the field, finishing with 10 catches for 141 yards. Brady passes Charles Haley to become the only

player with six Super Bowl titles. All those suspicions about the Patriots declining this season became moot as the defense made the 24-year-old Goff look awful and turned All-Pro running back Todd Gurley into a nonfactor.

While it was anything but odd to see New England celebrate a championship, the manner it earned this one was startling. The 2 1/2-point favorite Patriots moved the ball well, ran down the clock, but made uncharacteristic gaffes on offense. Goff and the Rams made more.

LA's second-ranked offense managed just 57 total yards for the half. The Rams were completely overmatched on the line and were particularly unable to handle the elusive Edelman, who had seven receptions for 93 yards.

Coach Sean McVay, whose Rams never had been blanked in a first half, let out a long, deep sigh just before halftime, recognizing how badly his team was manhandled, even though it trailed just 3-0.

It was the lowest score at halftime since Super Bowl 9, which Pittsburgh led 2-0 over Minnesota.

McVay, the youngest Super Bowl head coach at 34, had no answers as Gurley, coming off knee issues,

managed 35 yards rushing, Goff went 19 for 38 for 229 yards and was sacked four times. Brandin Cooks, a Patriots receiver last season, did have eight receptions for 120 yards.

KICKING GAME

Gostkowski's 46-yard miss wide left in the first quarter was the first unsuccessful field goal in the Mercedes-Benz Stadium, home of the Falcons, by an NFL player all season. The 13-year veteran also missed a field goal and extra point in the 2018 Super Bowl loss to Philadelphia.

But he gave the Patriots a 3-0 lead with a 42-yarder in the second quarter.

The Rams' Johnny Hekker had a 65-yard punt in the third quarter, the longest in a Super Bowl. It was his eighth punt of the game — with 1 1-2 periods remaining — the most for LA in McVay's two seasons in charge.

Greg Zuerlein tied it with 2:11 left in the third quarter on the first drive on which Los Angeles gained more than one first down. His 53-yarder was the second-longest field goal in a Super Bowl.

COIN TOSS

McVay deferred after winning the coin toss. In their previous two playoff games, the Patriots marched right downfield to a touchdown with the opening kickoff, setting an immediate tone. This time, after Cordarrelle Patterson's 38-yard kickoff return and four successful runs, Brady's first pass was tipped by receiver Chris Hogan and cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman. Linebacker Cory Littleton made a diving interception; it was the first time Brady was picked on his initial throw in a postseason game.

INJURIES

New England lost safety Patrick Chung on the third play of the second half when his right forearm was caught between Gurley's shoulder pad and the helmet of teammate Jonathan Jones. Chung withered in pain before walking off with an air cast on. □



New England Patriots' Kyle Van Noy (53) sacks Los Angeles Rams' Jared Goff (16) during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl 53 football game Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in Atlanta.

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Fowler overcomes strange triple bogey to win Phoenix Open

By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) —

Standing above a green-side bunker at TPC Scottsdale's difficult par-4 11th hole, Rickie Fowler turned just in time to see his ball, one he had just placed after penalty, trickle into the water.

Fowler had already seen his share of bad luck at the Phoenix Open. Now balls were rolling into hazards on their own.

Unable to catch a break, Fowler took it upon himself to create his own.

Fowler shook off a bizarre triple bogey on No. 11 with clutch shots down the stretch, finally winning the tournament Sunday that had twice eluded him.

"I didn't think it would be easy, but the way I was playing this week, I thought it would have been easier," Fowler said. "It was kind of grind it out. I had a couple of tough breaks and had to deal with the punches — a couple big ones — but it feels good now."

After a pair of 64s and a 65, Fowler shot 3-over 74 in the final round on a soggy Sunday at TPC Scottsdale, highest by a winner in tournament history. He finished at 17-under 267 to beat Branden Grace by two shots for his fifth PGA Tour title.

Fowler had another over-par round with a 54-hole lead — he's 7 for 7 there — but birdied two of his final four holes to win from the third-round lead for the second time, with the 2017 Honda Classic the other.

Fowler also had a double bogey on the par-4 fifth hole, becoming the first

a two-shot lead with two holes to go before losing in a playoff to Hideki Mat-

he stood on the green surveying his next shot, his ball rolled back into the water

there, that was a (four-) shot swing pretty quickly. It sucks, but it's just kind of put that behind me."

Grace made a 50-foot birdie putt just ahead on the par-3 12th and they were tied at 15 under when Fowler couldn't get up-and-down from the bunker on the same hole. Grace went up one with a 3-foot birdie putt on No. 13.

Fowler refused to cave.

He reached the par-5 15th in two from 239 yards out and his two-putt birdie pulled him into a tie for the lead. Grace then pulled his tee shot into the water at the short par-4 17th, hit his third shot into the bunker after a penalty and took a bogey, giving Fowler a one-shot lead.

Fowler drove the green on the 336-yard 17th and two-putted for birdie to stretch his lead to two shots.

The drama didn't end there.

Grace got up-and-down for par from short right of the 18th green, finishing at 15 under after a 2-under 69. Fowler pulled his tee shot on 18 left, landing in the tall grass between the church pew bunkers. He hacked the ball out short of the green and got up-and-down for the long-awaited victory.

"I think he's going to get more out of something like that, showing resilience and coming back like that, as opposed to going out there and winning by four or five," said Justin Thomas, who finished third, three behind Fowler after a 72.

Maybe in the future. Right after the round, Fowler was wiped out after the emotional roller coaster.

"I never want to go through anything like that again," he said. "That was not fun." □



Rickie Fowler holds the champion's trophy after the final round of the Phoenix Open PGA golf tournament, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Associated Press

PGA Tour player to win with a double bogey and triple bogey or worse since 1983. "He really dug down and pulled it off," Grace said.

Fowler has experienced his share of heartbreak at the Phoenix Open. He had the 54-hole lead last year and shot a 2-over 73 to finish six shots behind Gary Woodland. In 2016, Fowler blew

suyama, twice hitting it into the water on the drivable par-4 17th.

None of it compared to what happened to him Sunday.

Leading by four to start the day, he was up five shots stepping onto the tee on No. 11. The lead was one after a bizarre sequence of events at the long par 4.

With rain picking up, Fowler hit his approach shot right of the green and his chip skipped past the flag into the water, incurring a two-shot penalty. He dropped next to a bunker and, as

without being touched.

PGA Tour rules official Slugger White determined Fowler's ball was in play after the drop, so he was assessed a one-shot penalty. Fowler got up-and-down from there, knocking in a 17-foot putt for triple-bogey 7 — his seventh double bogey or worse when playing with a 54-hole lead.

"That was a big kind of turnaround," Fowler said. "At worst I make bogey with a semi-decent chip and I'm still very much in control of the tournament. But with everything that happened



Boston Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask (40), of Finland, stops the puck against Washington Capitals left wing Alex Ovechkin (8), of Russia, and right wing T.J. Oshie (77) during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in Washington. Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara (33) looks on.

Associated Press

Bruins shut out Capitals to end 14-game skid vs. Washington

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Hockey Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boston Bruins players could feel themselves making progress in recent games against the Washington Capitals even as the losses piled up.

All it took was finishing one play, a commitment to team defense and a handful of timely saves by Tuukka Rask for the Bruins to end their 14-game skid against the defending Stanley Cup champions with a 1-0 victory Sunday. Boston beat Washington for the first time since March 29, 2014, and its 14 consecutive victories against Arizona are now the longest active winning streak against one opponent in the NHL.

"We've had some tight games," said Rask, who made 24 saves for just his second career victory in 19 appearances against Washington. "It's one of those things that just happens in sports where you get into these streaks of either winning or losing and at some point they're going to snap."

Outscored 45-21 during their 14-game run of futility, the Bruins dominated the Capitals in almost all facets of the game and would

have blown them out if not for the play of goaltender Braden Holtby, who made 37 saves. Holtby was helpless to stop Krejci's shot on a one-timer after a tic-tac-toe puck movement and a cross-ice pass from Torey Krug midway through the second.

Rask earned "TUUK!" chants from Bruins fans in attendance, no louder than when he flashed the glove to snare a shot from Travis Boyd in the slot in the third period. The Finnish goalie picked up his 253rd career victory to take over first place on the Bruins' all-time list. "He was in control all night," coach Bruce Cassidy said. "We were pretty clean in front of him there till the end, and when we weren't, he was there for us. Happy for him, I think the guys in the room are as well and hopefully he keeps building on it."

Boston defenseman Brandon Carlo didn't believe there was necessarily a theme or specific problem that led to such a lopsided stretch against Washington and thought his team was getting closer to breaking through. Afterward, captain Zdeno Chara said the Bruins "finally" got the win against Washington. In

many ways, the Capitals had themselves to blame. Fed up by mental mistakes, Capitals coach Todd Reirden used ice time as a weapon to punish players. He benched Evgeny Kuznetsov and Dmitrij Jaskin for much of the first period after each took a penalty and Andre Burakovsky for the first few minutes of the second for a defensive-zone turnover that almost led to a goal. "I think as you get past the All-Star break and you start making a push toward the playoffs, that's an area we have to get better in, as we've taken far too many minor penalties with our sticks," Reirden said. "We have to be more disciplined if we're going to have success moving forward from here, and I thought the last 30 games is a good time to implement that."

Alex Ovechkin returned to the lineup after being forced to sit out Friday against Calgary for skipping All-Star Weekend. Ovechkin powered around Chara for a scoring chance in the first period but couldn't crack Rask. He will need to wait at least one more game to pass Sergei Fedorov for the most points by a Russian player. □



Saquon Barkley of the New York Giants accepts the award for AP offensive rookie of the year at the 8th Annual NFL Honors at The Fox Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019, in Atlanta.

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Mahomes honored as MVP and top offensive player

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With only one previous start, Mahomes entered the season as something of a curiosity in Kansas City after the Chiefs traded veteran Alex Smith to open up the job. It didn't take long to erase any doubts as Mahomes led the Chiefs to their first AFC title game since the 1993 season, throwing for 50 touchdowns, 5,097 yards and had a 113.8 QB rating, trailing only Brees.

Mahomes' ingenuity — the guy can throw from all angles and make plays inside and outside the pocket — energized the Chiefs' fan base and excited fans across the league.

"The play is never dead. He can find new ways to get you the ball," Chiefs All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce said. "It may look like a screwball, a slider here or there, but it'll get to you eventually." Mahomes is the sixth straight quarterback and 11th of the past 12 years to win MVP. No Kansas City player had won the award since the Chiefs joined the NFL in 1970.

Earlier, he was selected as the top offensive player, beating Brees 30 votes to 16. "Yeah, I mean, it's awesome ... I got put into a great situation," he said. "I got to learn behind a great quarterback in Alex Smith. I got to be on a team with a lot of playmakers who helped me excel my game and make me look really good on a daily basis. And, then, to be able to go out there and win football games in front of a passion-

ate fan base is something I get the luxury of doing."

Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald, who will play in Sunday's Super Bowl against New England, took his second straight Defensive Player of the Year award.

Donald, the only unanimous All-Pro this season and the first Rams player selected for top defensive honor, joins Lawrence Taylor and J.J. Watt as players to win the award in back-to-back seasons. Donald led the NFL with 20½ sacks. "Any time you put a body of work into it and then it pays off," Donald said, "and you're rewarded for it, it means a lot. It's a blessing." Nagy has overseen the development of quarterback Mitchell Trubisky, who blossomed in his second pro season, and saw a defense befitting the "Monsters of the Midway" dominate opponents at times. He is the fifth Bears coach to win the award, joining team founder George Halas (1963, 1965), Mike Ditka (1985, 1988), Dick Jauron (2001) and Lovie Smith (2005).

"It's crazy to think this is one person, so for me, it's being a part of this organization and for our players," Nagy said. "Just being able to believe in what we wanted to do with our culture and then follow through with it." Colts quarterback Andrew Luck was chosen the Comeback Player of the Year, following a lost 2017 season to a shoulder injury with a sensational 2018 campaign. □



Italy's Sandra Robatscher celebrates winning the women's single luge World Cup race in Altenberg, Germany, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019. Due to the weather conditions the 2nd run was cancelled.

Associated Press

Robatscher wins snow-shortened luge World Cup event

ALTENBERG, Germany (AP)

— Sandra Robatscher of Italy got the first World Cup luge victory of her career on Sunday, winning a race that was shortened to one run because of heavy snowfall.

Robatscher, the niece of Italian luge great Armin Zöggeler, beat German star Natalie Geisenberger by about one-tenth of a second.

Viktoriia Demchenko of Russia was third, grabbing the bronze by six-thousandths of a second over Emily Sweeney of the United States.

It was Italy's first gold med-

al in any World Cup sliding sport this season.

The snow also forced the cancellation of the team relay.

There are two World Cup weekends left on the luge circuit this season: at Oberhof, Germany, next weekend and then on the 2014 Sochi Olympic track in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia, on Feb. 23-24.

Kiki Bertens of Netherlands returns the ball to Donna Vekic of Croatia during the St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy-2019 tennis tournament final match in St. Petersburg, Russia, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019. □

Bertens beats Vekic to win St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy



Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)

— Kiki Bertens won her third title in six months on Sunday, beating Donna Vekic 7-6 (2), 6-4 in the final of the St. Petersburg Ladies Trophy. Second-seeded Bertens came back from 5-2 down in the first set to win four straight games

and force a tiebreaker. Eighth-seeded Vekic saved three match points in the second set before Bertens closed out the match for her eighth career title.

The win continued Bertens' emergence as a more versatile player. Until she beat Simona Halep to win the Cincinnati Open in August, Bertens had never reached a WTA final on any surface other than clay, but she has now won three straight hard-court finals.

Bertens' current ranking of eighth is the best for a Dutch woman since Betty Stove, who reached No. 5 in 1977. □



Sergey Kovalev, left, hits Eleider Alvarez during a WBO light heavyweight title boxing match, early Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, in Frisco, Texas.

Associated Press

Kovalev gets WBO title back from Alvarez, rolling in rematch

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP)

— Sergey Kovalev made it through the seventh round just fine in his attempt to take back the WBO light heavyweight championship he lost to Eleider Alvarez six months ago.

The Russian left little doubt in the final round.

Kovalev controlled the pace throughout the fight, finishing with a flurry in the 12th round and winning the rematch in a unanimous decision early Sunday.

The 35-year-old, who had the first three losses of his career in his previous five fights, pushed through a couple of moments of fatigue like those that seemed to affect him in the defeat that cost him the title in the 175-pound division.

In that loss to Alvarez in Atlantic City, New Jersey, last summer, Kovalev was ahead on all three scorecards when he was dropped three times in the seventh round.

No such trouble this time in a fight that started two minutes before midnight in the indoor football stadium that's part of team headquarters for the Dallas Cowboys.

"They stopped me from overtraining," Kovalev said of the group led by veter-

an trainer Buddy McGirt. "I saved my energy and I'm happy. We worked on the jab. Always my jab and my right hand."

Two judges had Kovalev ahead 116-112. The third judge didn't give Alvarez (24-1) a single round, scoring it 120-108 in the 34-year-old Colombian's first loss.

Kovalev (33-3-1) was the aggressor from the beginning, and eventually landed 213 of 860 punches compared to 111 out of 369 for Alvarez.

According to the television broadcast, Alvarez's corner told him after the 10th round that he would need a knockout to keep the belt. He never got close. Kovalev even had an exclamation point, landing a punishing right hand just before the final bell.

"I have no excuses," Alvarez said through a translator. "I knew he would be the favorite if it went to a decision. I don't see myself as a loser tonight, but he won the fight."

One of Alvarez's best blows was a right hand in the seventh, but this time it was in the final seconds. Kovalev didn't have any trouble getting to the bell and had time to regroup going into the eighth.

Kovalev took control for good in the 10th, landing

a strong right-left combination that seemed to sap Alvarez of what energy he had left.

At one point in the later rounds, Alvarez kept glancing at the video boards, apparently trying to see how much time remained in the round.

Instead of more doubt about his boxing future, which crept in after the loss last summer, Kovalev awaits his next opponent. There was no clear indication who that might be.

"He adjusted well," McGirt said. "He stuck to the game plan more than I anticipated he would, but I kept reminding him to keep it basic, keep it basic. I thought it was close, but I felt he won."

In what amounted to a co-main event on Saturday night, Oscar Valdez defended his WBO featherweight title with a seventh-round technical knockout of Carmine Tommasone. The two-time Mexican Olympian caught Tommasone with a right uppercut to the jaw.

The blow dropped the Italian and the fight was called nine seconds into the seventh round in Valdez's first bout since sustaining a broken jaw in a successful title defense against Scott Quigg last March. □

Tech companies, states spar with govt over net neutrality

By **MARCY GORDON and TALI ARBEL**

AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tech companies and nearly two dozen U.S. states clashed with the government in federal court Friday over the repeal of net neutrality, a set of Obama-era rules aimed at preventing big internet providers from discriminating against certain technology and services. Judges challenged arguments made by both sides in the faceoff in an appeals court in Washington. Lawyers for the states and the companies tried to persuade the three-judge panel to restore the net neutrality regime, set in 2015 during the Obama administration and repealed in December 2017 at the direction of a regulator appointed by President Donald Trump.

The companies challenging the FCC action include Mozilla, developer of the Firefox web browser, and Vimeo, a video-sharing site. The net neutrality rules had banned cable, wireless and other broadband providers from blocking or slowing down websites and



In this Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, file photo, a person with a smartphone enters the Federal Communications Commission building in Washington.

apps of their choosing, or charging Netflix and other video services extra to reach viewers faster.

The practice of slowing down transmission is known as "throttling."

The action by the Federal Communications Commission rolling back the neutrality rules "is a stab in the heart of the Communications Act," said attorney Pantelis Michalopoulos, referring to the Depression-

era law that established the FCC.

The FCC wrongly classified the internet as an information service rather than a telecoms service, using that as a rationale for not cracking down on misconduct by big internet providers, Michalopoulos said, who represents Mozilla and the other companies in the case.

Government lawyers, as well as big internet provid-

ers such as AT&T, Verizon and Comcast, argued to keep net neutrality repealed.

Thomas Johnson, the FCC's general counsel, said the agency's "light-touch" regulatory scheme, requiring the internet providers to disclose their practices and operations, provides adequate safeguards. The internet — used more extensively to transmit information — is different both

in nature and function from phone service, Johnson maintained. It therefore should be regulated as an information service and not subject to the utility-style oversight of phone companies, he said.

The politically charged issue has emerged from its origins as an engineering challenge to become an anti-monopoly rallying point and even a focus for "resistance" to the Trump administration.

Once Trump took office, net neutrality became one of his first targets as part of broader government deregulation. The FCC chairman he appointed, Ajit Pai, made rolling back net neutrality a top priority.

On the other side, support for net neutrality comes from many of the same people who also are critical of the data-vacuuming tech giants that benefit from it. Politicians have glommed on to the cause to appear consumer-friendly.

The Democratic takeover of the House in November's midterm elections could revive efforts to enshrine net

Pass It On: Work-life advice from Twitter curation director

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Joanna Geary started off as a journalist in the U.K. and now lives in New York, where she is currently Twitter's director of curation. In that role, she's in charge of showing users everything from the day's biggest news events to quirky trends.

Geary, 38, spoke with The Associated Press recently about managing people in different time zones and managing a work-life balance. Questions and answers have been edited for brevity and clarity.

Q: What does your day-to-day work look like?

A: I have direct reports in London, in Toronto, in New York, in San Francisco, in Tokyo and in Sydney (and indirect reports) in Mexico and Brazil. When you're



In this undated image provided by Twitter the company's director of curation Joanna Geary poses for a photo.

The Associated Press working away from people, it's really important to have structured time to see people.

So that means that my days get quite elongated.

Q: What have you learned about problem-solving over the years?

A: The greater the diversity of skills, background and personalities in the room, the more likely it is you'll come up with the best solution and the best way to implement it.

Q: How much do you pay attention to your competition?

A: I keep pretty well informed about what's going on in our industry, but I try not to focus too much on competitor watching. I've been in that position before and it can be all too easy to turn yourself into a hostage to other people's strategies rather than doubling down on understanding your unique value and trying to enhance that.

Q: What advice would you give your younger self about managing people?

A: You are never, ever going to have all the answers. Most answers are going to come from your team, and your job is to try and create an environment where they are recognized and rewarded for putting them forward.

Also, however hard you try, you will mess up. The most important thing is how you deal with that.

Q: What advice do you have on how small business owners and others can use Twitter?

A: Start small and follow people that you know or are just one or two people removed from people you know.

Learn to connect and have conversations with them.

A lot of value can often be obtained from expanding your network even by just a little.

Q: What do you do for work-life balance?

A: I enjoy the time I spend with my husband, family and close friends.

Moving to another country has made me value the time I get to spend with them much, much more.

I'm also a massive podcast fan, so will often use my commute home as time to listen and decompress.

But you're also talking to someone who back in the U.K. used her free time to start London's biggest monthly meetup of technologists and journalists. Technology and journalism have always been an interest beyond a job, so I wholly admit the line can be blurred. □

No money to travel? Find places to stay for next to nothing

By MELISSA LAMBARENA

Associated Press

Credit card rewards can be your ticket — literally your plane ticket — to a dream destination. But even if you've earned what you need to get to where you're going, the accommodations could be a different story.

What do you do if you don't have enough points or miles left for lodging?

You can slash those costs, too, if you're willing to get out of your comfort zone. That might mean couch surfing with locals, agreeing to a home exchange or signing up for housesitting. Websites and apps can help you connect with frugal options domestically and abroad. You may be able to stay for free, or nearly free, if you're flexible with dates and can abide by house rules.

COUCH SURFING

This option works for solo travelers or couples looking to make new friends over a few nights. Since you're staying in someone's home, you'll likely need to "check in and out" at reasonable hours and clean up after yourself.

For Alexander Salas, who runs the YouTube chan-



In this Jan. 13, 2017, file photo, a blanket of fog covers the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge, top left, in front of the city skyline in San Francisco.

Associated Press

nel Alex Travelbum, giving up some freedom is worth it. He uses the app from Couchsurfing.com, which has allowed him to sleep in 15 countries for free. His trip to Naples, Italy, was the most memorable, he says.

"I stayed with this woman who was just the most generous, nice person in the world, and we're still friends till this day," Salas says. "She made me all of this authentic Italian food and took me around town."

HOME EXCHANGES

This option offers more privacy since you'll swap your home temporarily with someone else.

Melissa Conn, blogger at

The Family Voyage, uses the GuestToGuest website. This service charges about \$11 a night or around \$147 annually (and you'll have to pay a damage deposit). The host may also include additional charges or requests.

"Some hosts charge a cash cleaning fee," Conn says. Other places, "they'll just leave a list of the five things that they want you to do before leaving. And then some people just say, 'Leave it tidy.'"

You can offset the costs of such services by cooking in the kitchen to save money on meals. Some homeowners even let you borrow

their car, Conn says.

HOUSESITTING

If you don't mind pets or a few chores while you travel, you can see the world for less.

Nik and Angel Rowell, YouTubers at Roadtrip with Nik, have traveled to Costa Rica and several U.S. states, among other destinations. They frequently use Trustedhousesitters.com, which also has an app and charges \$119 for an annual membership.

They suggest considering the responsibilities of each housesit beforehand and how it might affect your stay.

"If you have a weeklong housesit in Hawaii that included caring for a dog that needed to go out in the morning, afternoon and evening, you wouldn't be able to go explore the island all day long," Nik Rowell says.

Wherever you stay, communicate with the host to match your expectations to the experience. If you need a kitchen or Wi-Fi, for example, ask whether you'll have access.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS

If you're staying with strangers, screen them first. Some subscription services have

a verification process, but it's not always as robust as a traveler might like.

Amanda Kelly, solo traveler and content creator at Amanda Round The Globe, generally seeks female hosts when she couch surfs. During a trip to Belgium, she says, she was deceived by a man pretending to be a female host.

"After that experience, I did take a lot more precautions by checking the reviews a lot more," she says.

Other best practices:

- Look for hosts who have several positive references, photos and detailed descriptions.
- See how your host behaves on social media.
- Set up a video meet-and-greet.
- Make sure you're on the same page with house rules and expectations of privacy.
- Tell a family member or friend where you're staying.
- Have a plan B in case the accommodations aren't a good fit.

If that sounds like too much hassle — or if you're just not interested in a stranger's couch, house or chores — consider ways to save on more traditional accommodations. □

Honda's profit drops on incentives, currencies, flat sales

By YURI KAGEYAMA

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese automaker Honda Motor Co.'s fiscal third-quarter profit fell 71 percent from a year earlier as growing incentives, an unfavorable exchange rate and flat vehicle sales offset gains from cost cuts, the company said. Tokyo-based Honda's October-December profit totaled 168 billion yen (\$1.5 billion), down from 570.3 billion yen a year earlier. Quarterly sales were unchanged at 3.9 trillion yen (\$36 billion).

An unfavorable exchange rate to Asian and other global currencies dented profitability, Honda said Friday. Japanese exporters like Honda are vulnerable to such fluctuations.



In this Jan. 11, 2016, file photo, the logo of Honda Motor Co. is seen on a showroom screen at the Japanese automaker's headquarters in Tokyo.

Associated Press

Quality expenses that also helped bring down profits for the latest quarter were not directly related to the massive global recall of Takata air bags that hurt Honda in past years, the

company said.

In the Takata air bag recalls, inflators can explode with too much force, hurling shrapnel into drivers and passengers. At least 23 people have died from


the problem worldwide and hundreds have been injured.

Honda, which makes the Accord sedan, Odyssey minivan and Asimo robot, said it is facing various class action lawsuits in the U.S. related to the air bags. Honda said its settlements for April-December totaled 53.8 billion yen (\$493 million) last year, and that it may face more such expenses.

Honda said motorcycle sales improved in Vietnam and it also recorded better sales in its financial services business.

Honda raised its profit forecast for the current fiscal year, which ends March 31, by 20 billion yen (\$183 million) from an earlier projection, to 695 billion yen (\$6.4

billion). That's down 34 percent from the previous fiscal year. □



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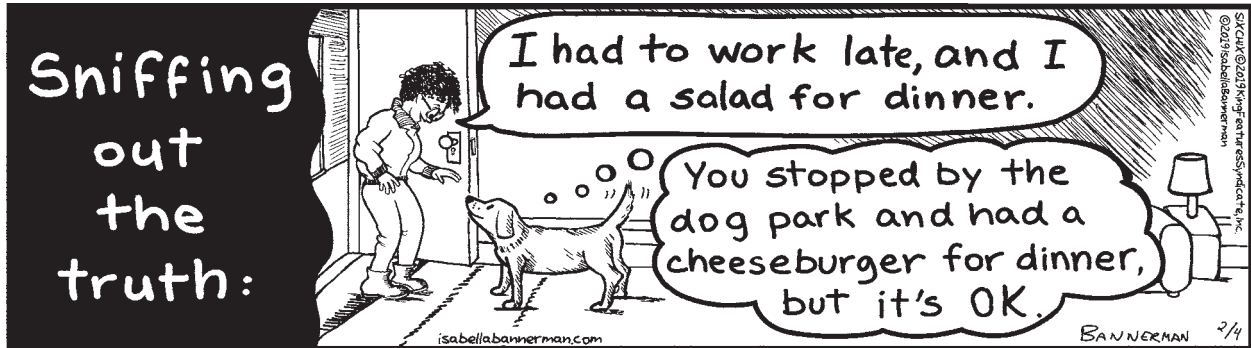
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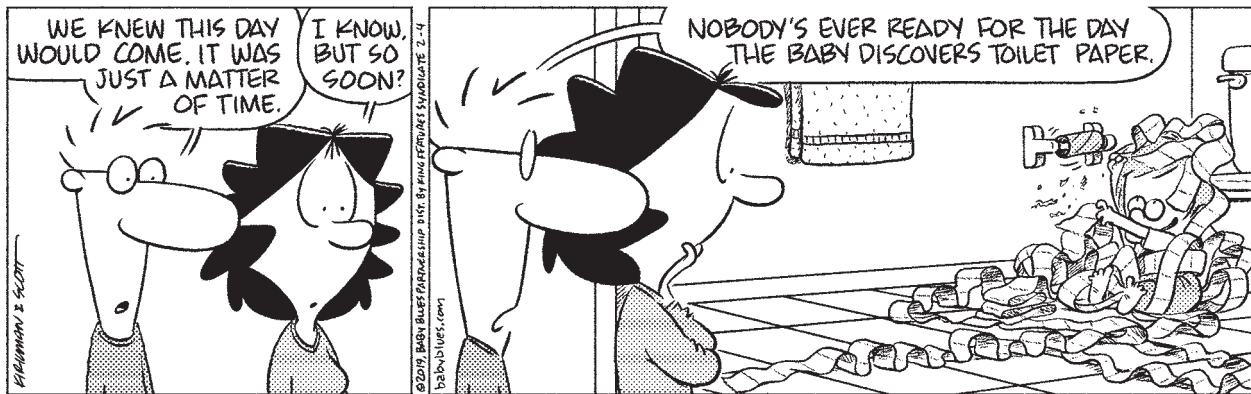
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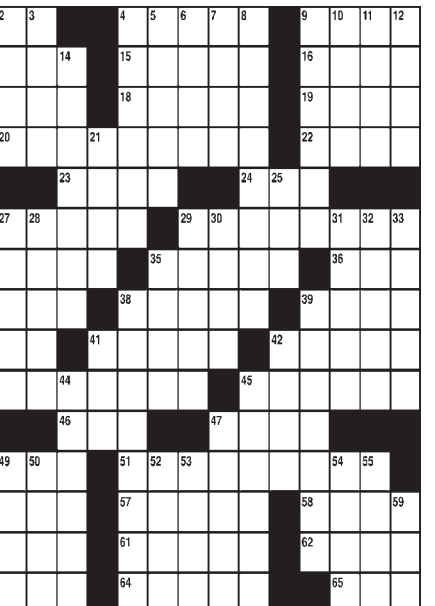
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

9	1	8	2	6	3	7	4	5
2	7	4	9	5	1	3	8	6
6	5	3	7	8	4	2	1	9
1	8	9	4	3	2	6	5	7
3	2	7	5	1	6	8	9	4
4	6	5	8	7	9	1	3	2
7	3	2	1	4	5	9	6	8
5	9	6	3	2	8	4	7	1
8	4	1	6	9	7	5	2	3

ACROSS

- Respiratory bug
- Snatches
- Bathtub ring
- Actor Jack
- Fit for a king
- of Good Hope
- Meditative exercise
- "Rigoletto" or "Tosca"
- Hilarious person
- Talks into
- Hotels
- Too inquisitive
- Haw's partner, in phrase
- Conflict
- Car engine's exhaust vent
- to; indicate
- Elephant's nose
- Source of light & heat
- Year
- at; attempted to punch
- Shiny on top
- "Complicated"; 2009 Meryl Streep film
- Slanted
- Tenant's agreement
- Seminary course
- Coerced
- Basketball hoop edge
- Crazy as a
- "He Quiet Man"; Christian Slater film
- Outcome
- Horseshoe material
- Piece of garlic
- Charles & Romano
- Go separate ways
- Canine or molar
- Dishwasher cycle
- "Yours"; letter closing
- Close relative
- Esau & Jacob's dad
- "Caroline"; Neil Diamond hit
- Soothing drink



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DOWN

- Pesky insect
- Stunt pilot's maneuver
- Encourage
- Ground-dwelling game bird
- Compensate
- Matured
- Unadorned
- Making wide cuts
- Pinch pennies
- Early murderer
- "Once a time..."
- New York team
- Mending socks
- drinks; pops
- Wapiti
- Go separate ways
- Canine or molar
- Dishwasher cycle
- "Yours"; letter closing
- Close relative
- Esau & Jacob's dad
- Vital sign in the wrist
- Concluded
- Tiny branch
- Bellies
- George Shaw
- Actress MacGraw
- Weaving device
- Prison garb color, often
- Woods
- Water barrier
- "When You Upon a Star"
- Military force
- Broth or chowder
- Defect
- Canvas bag
- Tight, as a rope
- Jekyll's alter ego
- Baltic or Black

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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REARS	BBC	
SQUATS	SLEEPS	
LUCRE	SHOAL	AHA
OATS	CLIMB	DRAG
TKO	SLOPE	SALVE
ERENOW	SERIES	
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Study: Many small kids in U.S. are using too much toothpaste

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Too many young kids are using too much toothpaste, increasing their risk of streaky or splotchy teeth when they get older, according to a government survey released Thursday.

About 40 percent of kids ages 3 to 6 used a brush that was full or half-full of toothpaste, even though experts recommend no more than a pea-sized amount, the study found.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention findings were based on a survey of parents of more than 5,000 kids ages 3 to 15. Health officials recommend that all people drink fluoridated water, and that everyone 2 or older brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.



This Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009 file photo shows toothpaste on a toothbrush in Marysville, Pa.

Associated Press

But the amount is important. Children under 3 are only supposed to use a smear of toothpaste the size of a grain of rice. Kids 3 to 6 are supposed to keep it to a pea-sized amount.

"Fluoride is a wonderful benefit but it needs to be used carefully," said Dr.

Mary Hayes, a pediatric dentist in Chicago.

Young kids may push for independence in brushing their teeth, but kids' toothpaste tastes sweet.

"You don't want them eating it like food," Hayes said. "We want the parent to be in charge of the toothbrush

and the toothpaste."

Fluoride is a mineral found in water and soil. More than 70 years ago, scientists discovered that people whose drinking water naturally had more fluoride also had fewer cavities. That led to efforts to add fluoride to tap water, toothpaste, mouthwash and other products. Experts say fluoride had helped drive down rates of tooth decay in U.S. teens and adults.

But too much fluoride when teeth are forming can lead to tooth streaking or spotting — known as dental fluorosis. In extreme cases, teeth can be pitted by the mineral, though many cases are so mild only dentists notice it.

Past studies have suggested fluorosis has been increasing for at least three decades, and can affect

as many as 2 out of 5 adolescents.

The new study did not follow the kids through time or try to determine how many developed streaked or spotty teeth as a result of using too much toothpaste. The authors acknowledged other limitations. Parents might have misremembered how much toothpaste kids used when they were younger. Also, the survey didn't ask specifically about what kinds of toothpaste were used; not all kinds of children's toothpaste have fluoride in them. The study found about 60 percent of kids brushed their teeth twice a day. It also found that roughly 20 percent of white and black kids, and 30 percent of Hispanic kids, didn't start brushing until they were 3 or older. □

Hong Kong makes record seizure of pangolin scales, ivory

By VIOLET LAW
Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong customs officers have intercepted a record 8.3 tons of pangolin scales and hundreds of elephant tusks worth more than \$8 million combined, underscoring the threat to endangered species from demand in Asia.

Acting on a tip from mainland Chinese authorities, local officials found the haul in mid-January in a refrigerated container labeled as frozen meat from Nigeria, officials said Friday.

They said the smugglers kept the temperature low to better disguise the smell of the illicit cargo. Police arrested two people in connection with the seizure.

It was the largest-ever seizure of pangolin scales



In this June 6, 2017, file photo, animal conservation activists hold pictures of elephants being killed for their ivory tusks, outside the Legislative Council in Hong Kong.

Associated Press

in Hong Kong, representing the product of some 14,000 animals, and one of the largest of ivory in a decade, the officials said.

Scales of the anteater-like pangolin have for centuries been highly valued in tradi-

tional Chinese medicine. The scales, made of keratin akin to fingernails, are often roasted and ground to a powder before being added into a mix of ingredients to purportedly cure arthritis, promote breast feeding for mothers and boost male virility.

Scientists have designated all species of pangolins as being at risk of extinction. In the last two decades, the number of pangolins worldwide has dropped by about 90 percent.

Ivory tusks are a cherished decorative craft material in Asia, resulting in the dev-

astation of wild elephant populations in Africa.

Under Hong Kong law, the importation and sales of endangered species and their products can be punished by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$1.3 million. China and Hong Kong have sought to crack down on the illegal trade, although the semiautonomous port and financial center remains a major transit point for endangered species products and other contraband.

Last year, following the outlawing of ivory sales in mainland China, Hong Kong's legislature enacted a complete ban on the local ivory trade to take effect by 2021, while raising penalties for offenders.

Meanwhile, a court in Thailand this week dismissed charges against a Thai man believed to be a kingpin in the illicit trade, according to Freeland, an organization that works with police to combat trafficking.

Boonchai Bach was arrested by Thai police just over one year ago at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi airport for his alleged involvement in the smuggling of 11 kilo-

grams (24.2 pounds) of rhino horns from Africa worth \$700,000. A Chinese man and a Thai wildlife quarantine officer accused of assisting the smugglers were also arrested.

Citing a lack of evidence, the Samut Prakan Provincial Court found Boonchai Bach not guilty of multiple charges relating to wildlife trafficking, Freeland said.

Boonchai was suspected of running a large trafficking network on the Thai-Lao border that spread into Vietnam. According to Freeland, he and his family played a key role in a criminal syndicate that smuggled items including ivory, rhino horn, pangolins, tigers, lions and other rare and endangered species.

"Prosecution of a complex transnational organized crime case like this requires a multi-agency effort to bring all the pieces of the puzzle together," said Steven Galster, founder of Freeland. "Instead, we saw a kingpin walk free after a narrowly focused case fell apart when the prosecution's only major witness flipped in front of his boss." □



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Jussie Smollett strikes emotional chord: Attackers won't win



In this Aug. 8, 2017 file photo, Jussie Smollett participates in the "Empire" panel during the FOX Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif. Associated Press

By ANDREW DALTON
Associated Press

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.

(AP) — Jussie Smollett was blunt, emotional and defiantly determined Saturday night at a Southern California concert some urged him not to play, telling the crowd before singing a note that he had to go on with the show because he couldn't let his attackers win.

"The most important thing I can say is 'thank you so much, and I'm OK,'" said the "Empire" actor and R&B singer from the stage at the Troubadour in West Hollywood in his first public appearance since he reported to police in Chicago on Tuesday that two masked men had assaulted him and put a rope around his neck while using homophobic and racial slurs.

"I'm not fully healed yet," said Smollett, who is black and openly gay, "but I'm going to be, and I'm gonna stand strong with y'all." The concert had been planned long before the incident, and his family members and others had urged him to postpone it. But Smollett said he couldn't do that.

"I had to be here tonight, y'all. I couldn't let those (expletives) win," he said to

screams and cheers from the packed room of about 400 people.

"I will always stand for love. I will only stand for love."

His small band then launched into an upbeat song and he broke into dance, wearing a simple white buttoned shirt, white sneakers and black jeans, shuffling across the front of the stage and at times standing defiantly with a fist in the air.

Smollett kept the tone mostly celebratory through his hour-long set before addressing the attack head-on toward the end of his hour-long set, when he told the crowd he wanted to clarify a few things.

He said he was bruised but his ribs were not cracked. He went straight to the doctor but was not hospitalized, and physicians in both Chicago and Los Angeles cleared him to play but told him to be careful. "And above all, I fought the (expletive) back," he said to cheers.

Then he paused and said, emphatically but with a laugh, "I'm the gay Tupac."

Fan Monique Davis said after the show that she was shocked he spoke so bluntly and directly about the incident, but she's glad he did.

"It was amazing, it was emotional, it was inspiring," Davis said.

"He showed everyone in the room he was strong." Smollett told police the men attacked him as he walked home in Chicago early Tuesday, throwing a chemical substance at him in addition to shouting slurs and putting the rope around his neck.

No arrests have been made, and police have not found surveillance video of the attack, though they found footage of Smollett walking home with the rope around his neck.

Smollett had made his first public comments about the incident on Friday in a written statement that said he had been "consistent on every level" with the po-

lice during their investigation, countering comments on social media saying he had changed his story and been uncooperative with investigators.

Chicago police also said Smollett has been cooperative and they have found no reason to think he's not being genuine.

Smollett stars alongside Terence and Taraji P. Henson in "Empire," the Fox TV show about the power struggles of a family in the music business that is now in its fifth season.

The series has allowed Smollett to play, sing and occasionally write music in addition to acting.

Last year he released a solo album, "Sum of My Music," which made up much of Saturday night's set, along

with songs from "Empire."

He often sits at the piano on the show but stood front and center at the microphone at the Troubadour, the legendary Los Angeles club that helped launch the careers of James Taylor, the Eagles and Elton John. He was joined in jubilant dance by his family members during his encore. Earlier, they had taken the stage and voiced their support before he came on. "To be honest, as his big brother, I wanted him to sit this one out," Joel Smollett Jr. said.

"But we realized this night is an important part of Jussie's healing. He's been a fighter since he was a baby. He fought his attackers that night, and he continues to fight." □

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‘Velvet Buzzsaw’ a gloriously gory art-world satire

By **JAKE COYLE**
Associated Press

The art installation, so often a playground in the contemporary art museum, is in Dan Gilroy's gloriously gory satire “Velvet Buzzsaw” a terror chamber. Interactivity is involuntary. “Velvet Buzzsaw,” which opens on the Art Basel Miami Beach fair, assembles a glittering gallery of art-world snobs, strivers and divas. A cocktail of critics, collectors, buyers and even a couple actual artists, it's the kind of easy-target collection that Christopher Guest might have taken aim at. But Gilroy, who memorably skewered “if it bleeds, it leads” TV news in “Nightcrawler,” has something darker, or at least bloodier in mind. In “Velvet Buzzsaw,” when a painting fetches a “killing” at auction, the payoff might be literal, and any subsequent shredding is going to be a lot more sinister than anything cooked up by Banksy. Among them are Morf Vandewalt (Jake Gyllenhaal), a power-wielding



This image released by Netflix shows Rene Russo, left, and Jake Gyllenhaal in a scene from “Velvet Buzzsaw.”

critic, “god” in this designer-label universe; Rhodora Haze (Rene Russo), a big-time dealer whose old nickname is both the film's title and the tattoo on her shoulder; buyer Gretchen (Toni Collette), who can manipulate private buyers and museums, alike; a pair of painters, one a graf-

fiti artist sensation (Daveed Diggs), the other a sullen has-been who has turned his studio into a profitable assembly line (John Malkovich); and Josephina (Zawe Ashton), a struggling protegee to Haze. It's on Josephina that the plot turns. When an elderly neighbor named Ventril

Dease dies, she stumbles upon the paintings that litter his apartment, and quickly realizes it's a major discovery. She swipes them all before they're to be tossed in the garbage. When she shows them to Vandewalt, with whom she's sleeping, he immediately pronounces the

paintings “visionary.” The whole transactional system goes into overdrive to posthumously turn Dease into a major artist and, more importantly, into an industry. The million-dollar sales are orchestrated, the Los Angeles museum show strong-armed, the paintings carefully parceled to stimulate just the right amount of demand. Vandewalt gets book rights. The paintings themselves we take for the genuine article. Unlike the frivolous installations that flutter through “Velvet Buzzsaw” (like a metallic sphere that emits various sensations when you stick your hand into its holes), Dease's works, deemed “outsider art,” represent something “substantial” in a shallow contemporary art world. Only Josephine knows that Dease, whose murky past is slowly revealed, had wished his artwork destroyed. At first merely creepy (we learn his reds were painted in blood), figures in the paintings begin to subtly move, snatch and kill. □

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Paul Webb is vulnerable Rustin Man on ‘Drift Code’

By **PABLO GORONDI**
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Rustin Man, “Drift Code” (Domino)

Paul Webb had been working for years on a follow-up to his first album as Rustin Man — “Out of Season,” the stupendous 2002 collaboration with Portishead singer Beth Gibbons — but other projects kept getting in the way. Then there was the issue of being able to perform the sounds in his head, which led to a lengthy process of learning several instruments — Webb was the bass player in Talk Talk — from accordion, harmonica and xylophone to a wide selection of guitars and keyboards. Along the way, Webb recorded musical fragments on cassette and relied on

This cover image released by Domino shows “Drift Code,” a release by Rustin Man.

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opener “Vanishing Heart” — a Dear Jane letter — “Martian Garden” and “All Summer,” as Webb’s voice turns out to be an eerie, warts-and-all combination of Robert Wyatt’s high-pitched oscillations and David Bowie’s, with the vulnerability it showed on his last albums. □

the skills of former schoolmate and Talk Talk drummer Lee Harris during sessions at the barn in south-east England which serves both as recording studio and Webb’s family home. The outcome of the process is “Drift Code,” where the influence of the rural setting is felt on songs like

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Open the vaults: Unpublished Salinger work to be released

By HILLEL ITALIE
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NEW YORK (AP) — One of the book world's greatest mysteries is finally ending: J.D. Salinger's son says previously unpublished work by his late father will be coming out.

In comments that appeared Friday in The Guardian, Matt Salinger confirmed longstanding reports that the author of "The Catcher in the Rye" had continued to write decades after he stopped publishing books. He said that he and Salinger's widow, Colleen, are "going as fast as we freaking can" to prepare the material for release. "He wanted me to pull it together, and because of the scope of the job, he knew it would take a long time," Salinger said of his father, who died in 2010 and had not published work since the mid-1960s.



This Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, file photo shows copies of J.D. Salinger's classic novel "The Catcher in the Rye" as well as his volume of short stories called "Nine Stories" at the Orange Public Library in Orange Village, Ohio.

"This was somebody who was writing for 50 years without publishing, so that's a lot of material. So there's not a reluctance or a protectiveness: When it's ready, we're going to share it," he said. Salinger, who helps oversee his father's literary estate, says any new work

might be years away and did not cite any specific titles or plots. He did indicate that the Glass family made famous in such fiction as "Franny and Zooey" would be seen again. "I feel the pressure to get this done, more than he did," he said, adding that the unseen work "will definitely

disappoint people that he wouldn't care about, but for real readers. I think it will be tremendously well received by those people and they will be affected in the way every reader hopes to be affected when they open a book. Not changed, necessarily, but something rubs off that can lead to change."

Longtime Salinger publisher Little, Brown and Company had no comment Friday. J.D. Salinger published just four books in his lifetime: "Nine Stories," "The Catcher in the Rye," "Franny and Zooey" and a volume with the two novellas "Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction." The last work to come out in his lifetime was the story "Hapworth 16, 1924," which appeared in The New Yorker in 1965. Salinger rarely spoke to the media and not only stopped releasing new

work but rejected any reissues or e-book editions of his published material. This year marks the centennial of his birth and signs of a new openness emerged in 2018 when his estate permitted new covers and a boxed edition of his old fiction to come out for the 100th anniversary. A Salinger exhibit is planned later this year at the New York Public Library, and other promotional events are in the works. Salerno wrote in an email Friday to The Associated Press that "it was always his (J.D. Salinger's) intention — and specific direction — to have his work published after his death." "I'm thrilled that Salinger fans around the world will finally get to see this important work from one of America's finest writers," Salerno added. "As the stories roll out over the years, I think you will find that all of our reporting was correct." □

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